

Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety  
Meeting Minutes Summary  
Location: WUTC - Olympia, WA  
**July 10, 2002**

**Present**

Chuck Mosher, Chair  
Lee A. James  
Duane Henderson  
Richard Gilda  
Grant Jensen  
Les Olson  
Brad Rosewood

**Absent**

Sarah Spence  
Alan J. Cabodi  
Don Evans

**\*NOTE: Harry “Jay” Follman resigned from the Committee in a letter to the Governor’s office on June 18, 2002.**

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Adoption of June 12, 2002 Meeting Minutes
2. Information on ICS and Pipeline Response Training
3. JLARC Scope and Objectives
4. Pipeline Siting Issues Discussion
5. Discussion of 2003 Workplan
6. Subcommittee Reports
7. Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) Pipeline Division Update
8. New Items of Business
9. Next Meeting Location

**\*NOTE: There was no public comment during the July meeting.**

1. **Welcome and Adoption of July 10, 2002 Meeting Minutes** – Chairman Chuck Mosher welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety.  
The Committee voted to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2002 with the following modifications:
  - a) Adoption of minutes section– Change the word “acknowledge” to past tense.
  - b) New Items of Business section – Change “Whatcom” to “Skagit” and “feet” to “inches”.

2. **Information on ICS and Pipeline Response Training** – Dr. Bob Barnard, contractor for the State of Washington Fire Marshal’s office, presented to the Committee information on the Incident Command System (ICS) and pipeline response training. Dr. Barnard distributed samples of the materials that are used during the trainings of pipeline first responders, like fire departments and law enforcement officials. Dr. Barnard explained that the 2000 legislature directed the State Fire Marshal’s office to conduct a survey to find out what first responders felt they needed to know about responding to pipeline incidents and emergencies. The Fire Marshal’s office received a lot of cooperation from those surveyed and those that have been involved in the process of developing the training material. He stated that the training of the first responder agencies has not yet been implemented. Dr. Barnard emphasized how the first people on the scene of a pipeline incident must understand the minimum basics about pipelines. Grant Jensen hope the 911 operators will be involved with the training process. He feels it is crucial for the operators to know and understand some of the “lingo” associated with a pipeline emergency, like a spill or an explosion, when they dispatch the first responders. Chairman Chuck Mosher offered the Committees help if it is needed with playing a role in making people aware of the pipeline response training and the resources that are available to the first responders in Washington State.
3. **JLARC Scope and Objectives** – Dan Silver, contractor for the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, distributed information to the Committee about the scope and objectives as it related to the WUTC pipeline safety division audit by JLARC. Dan reminded the Committee of the May 29<sup>th</sup> public meeting in which a lot a feedback was received from those that attended. He informed the Committee about two requests for proposals (RFP) that will be issued to help JLARC further scope the WUTC pipeline safety program. The first RFP will be issued on July 12<sup>th</sup> and will help to describe the regulatory framework and the current federal guidelines for programs that have been delegated to the states. The 2<sup>nd</sup> RFP will be issued at the end of July in order to collect data on how the WUTC pipeline safety program costs compare to other states programs. Dan said that he hopes to have all the information compiled by the end of the year for JLARC’s review. He then anticipates the final report from JLARC to be issued around July 1, 2003.
4. **Pipeline Siting Issues Discussion** – The Committee expressed interest in holding a meeting in the Elma/Satsop area near Olympia because of the new Williams gas pipeline that is being constructed from Rainier to Satsop. After discussion between Chairman Mosher and Carole Washburn (WUTC) the Chairman decided that it was premature to hold a meeting in that area because the Committee is currently not well informed on the issue of siting or the Williams construction project. It was noted that the statutory mandate for the Committee does mention siting, but the Committee hasn’t talked about the issue and are not yet prepared to address the issue at a meeting. Doug Kilpatrick, pipeline safety director of the WUTC, informed the Committee on the involvement of the WUTC pipeline safety inspectors with the Williams Gas Pipeline new construction project from Rainier to Satsop. Doug said that three WUTC inspectors have completed the environmental and safety training and will be dropping in on the

construction project sites. He also told the Committee how the engineers have copies of the Williams project construction and welding specifications.

5. **Discussion of 2003 Workplan** – Doug wanted to raise the issue of the workplan for next year so that the Committee could start thinking about the things they would like to accomplish in 2003. The establishment of a workplan was written into the Committee bylaws and it is suggested that the Committee start discussing the workplans in the fall meetings. The workplan projects can also be continuations of current workplan items. The selection process for new Committee members continues and the Governor's office is expected to announce the decisions in early fall of 2002.
6. **Subcommittee Reports** - The Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety subcommittees met individually and then reported back to the group as a whole.

**Damage Prevention Subcommittee -**

**Chair, Don Evans (Absent)**

**Members - Duane Henderson, Richard Gilda**

- Approved a draft letter to the State of Washington Building Code Council suggesting to have the one-call number and a designated space on the building permits for the ticket number. Chuck will sign the letter and it will be sent to the Council. It was also suggested to possibly send the same letter to the City-County Engineers Association asking them to look into the same issue with the building permits they issue.

**Pipeline Safety Public Awareness Subcommittee –**

**Chair, Brad Rosewood**

**Member – Les Olson**

- The subcommittee has decided to put off the pipeline public awareness brochure and have decided to focus on the American Petroleum Institute's (API) public awareness process and the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) forums.
- The Committee informational pamphlet that was approved by the Committee is with the State Department of Printing and will hopefully be done by September or a print date will be available by September.

**Governmental Input & Monitoring (Formerly called Legislative/Input/Monitoring)**

**Chair, Lee James**

**Members, Grant Jensen & Chuck Mosher**

- The Committee's first report is nearly complete; WUTC staff will just need to fill in a few blanks on pipeline miles and other figures within the report. The report will be sent to the entire Washington State Legislature, the Governor, OPS and those on the pipeline safety interested party's list that the WUTC maintains.
- Looking ahead to the 2003 legislative session in regards to a damage prevention enforcement bill. Subcommittee members will start talking to key legislators and coordinate with the Washington Utilities Coordinating Council (WUCC) to get a bill introduced during the next legislative session.

- Pursue the siting issue and create a list/timeline/flowchart of pipeline approval process. Plan to insert the points where the public can get involved and also include contact information and other information like types of forms, terminology, etc.

7. **Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) Pipeline Division Update** – Doug Kilpatrick, WUTC Pipeline Safety Director, introduced Steve King as the Director of Safety and Consumer Protection. Doug explained that the WUTC has had a management change due to a recent retirement within management. The change does not affect the general structure of the pipeline safety division. Doug distributed the WUTC staff memo regarding a PSE item that was on the Open Meeting agenda for the day of the Committee meeting (July 10<sup>th</sup>). The item was an issuance to PSE for not continuing the random drug testing of their natural gas employees after the merger with Puget Power and Washington Natural Gas. The penalty was \$50,000, plus approximately \$56,000 on training for all PSE employees. The WUTC Commissioners adopted the settlement agreement, as proposed, two to one. The warranting of penalties is an example of how non-compliance can turn out. The Commission's hazardous liquid rulemaking (docket number TO-000712) will be on the July 26<sup>th</sup> Open Meeting for formal adoption. The proposed draft language and staff memo for the hazardous liquids rules was distributed to the Committee.
8. **New Items of Business** – Les Olson, who is on the Pipeline City/County Consortium, let the Committee know about BP/Olympic Pipeline's difficulties in trying to get permits to do repairs to the exposure on the Kalama River. Grant Jensen, Committee member with Williams Pipeline, noted that his company was also having problems obtaining permits with the exposure on the Nooksack River. The Committee discussed this issue and concluded that the bottom line is that something's wrong if the pipeline companies can't repair their own lines because of the permitting issue. Earl Tower with BP/Olympic Pipeline said that he would get some more information regarding this and will let Doug Kilpatrick know the status. Les Olsen brought up another issue with Williams Pipeline Company. He had read in the newspapers about Williams being in financial jeopardy. Les wanted to know what measures were being taken by the WUTC to ensure that the Williams Company doesn't cut their safety and training programs for their employees. Doug Kilpatrick reminded the Committee that the WUTC is involved in the regulation of safety of the pipeline companies, not the financial or investment aspect. Doug said that since the WUTC is also an interstate agent for the federal Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) that the WUTC would wait to get guidance from OPS on the issue. Doug also noted that an inspection of the Williams Redmond District was inspected in June and that there are many facets that the WUTC inspectors look at. The WUTC makes sure that the companies are following the federal rules pertaining to training. Grant assured the Committee that the Williams Company would not compromise their safety program.
9. **Next Meeting Location** – Chuck informed the Committee that Olympic Pipeline Company has offered to host the September Committee meeting in Renton. More details

on the exact location and directions to the meeting will be posted to the WUTC Citizens Committee website [wutc.wa.gov/pipeline/ccops](http://wutc.wa.gov/pipeline/ccops).

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. on Wednesday July 10, 2002.